

# Oregon Country Fair

Craft Committee Minutes: May 14, 2025

Format: Zoom

**Committee attendance:** Lucy Kingsley, Sue Theolass, Ken Kirby, James Nason, Jay Shuster

**Guests:** Morningstar, Tash, Paxton

**Staff liaison:** Vanessa

**Board liaisons:** John Govsky, Arna Shaw

**Other Participants:** Christine (Scribe)

## **Announcements:**

None

**Agenda Approval:** Sue moved to approve April agenda. John seconded.

Agenda approved.

## **April meeting minutes approval:**

Ken moved to approve April minutes. Sue seconded.

Meeting minutes approved.

## **Board liaison report (John):**

We will be voting on membership age at next board meeting (June).

Privacy policy was tabled. It needs to be changed because of the online voting that will be instituted.

Sue made announcement at board meeting about looking for new craft committee members.

## **Staff report (Vanessa):**

Spring Fling raised about \$4000 for scholarships for kids.

Putting in extra hand washing stations around site and working on extra showers. Doing a scheduled buying of porta potties so we can own our own for Pre-Fair. Created a new team specifically to help maintain the porta potties this year.

All permits are in. Tickets are selling pretty well.

Sunshine database is ready for Peach Pit info from the craft booths.

Oregon Art Beat, Oregon Field Guide and Oregon Experiences all have a feature on us which will be online June 27 and on TV July 10. On June, 25 OPB is throwing a big party for us! Free, at MacDonald theatre. First viewing at 6:30.

Poster was revealed and will be circulated soon.

**Craft inventory report (Ken):**

We're getting ready for the big event!

Around 450 crafters applied, much higher than the usual 200.

Arna shared that her friend is a first time applicant and got accepted for a one-year-only booth. Ken was happy to hear that this is happening.

**Booth Reg (Morningstar):** Doug is sending out Peach Pit reminders and also sending out extra pass requests. There is an issue with Sunshine, where only Craft Inventory can approve extra people to be in the booth.

Did Red Tag Walk over weekend (Saturday), starting to assign booths this week.

There are a lot of single crafters now. The Guidelines don't address the fact that we open permanent requests May 1, but we don't really know for a little bit longer exactly how many booths we have, until Morningstar does the walk with Path Planning and Construction.

Booth 73 was split into three booths. They recently decided to keep these spaces for one year only. Ken said to make sure to let Adam know so our records reflect the new numbering (A, B, C).

Jay asked if we should make a Guideline change for next year that changes it to 20 spaces instead of 10 full sized booths, since the goal is to make sure we're getting new crafters.

The hut is being opened on June 7.

**Town hall** scheduled for May 19. Lucy sent out agenda for that with names attached based on who spoke last year.

Vanessa will post Town Hall agenda tomorrow.

Meet at 3:30 before Town Hall starts.

Town hall plan (on Zoom):

- Introductions
- Staff reports from Alexis and Mark. Lucy will reach out to them and confirm they can do that.
- Coordinator reports - Morningstar will check with Doug to see if he can come for Booth Reg.
- Somebody from Construction - Sue will remind. Sent a note out a couple weeks ago.

- Someone from Fire Crew - Steve. Helpful to remind people and make sure everybody's reflecting on the constant risk and remind people about what's expected of booth reps.
- Amy from recycling.
- Ken or Adam from Craft Inventory. Ken may not be there, will email Adam.
- Camping Crew would be useful for people who are one year only. Lucy will talk to Camping.
- Sue will do an Archaeology reminder.

**Fair Family News** - June issue, we customarily have an article. Need to look at last year's and put together a new article for this year.

**Jury process** - Feedback received is that people prefer to get their scores. Jay explained that Adam had said they were trying it out (not giving results) and it seemed to ease things for Craft Inventory a little bit.

Jay and Kim and Sue all think people should be able to know their results. Tash said she did jury in this year but it was interesting not to get a number. On the Facebook page for OCF juried members, some people were quite upset about not knowing their scores.

Ken hasn't worked closely enough with Zapplication to know how easy it is to get the scores and send them out.

Lucy will reach out to Adam about this, handle on a case by case basis this year.

The committee is in favor of scores being added but it depends on how logistically feasible it is for Craft Inventory.

### **New committee members**

Tash would like to be on the committee and will send a letter to the board. Has been coming for over a year. Lucy will send a letter to the board to say we want her to join.

### **Booth reps**

James announced that we will have a gathering in the fall at Doug's Green to discuss making changes to the booth rep situation. We have a date in October to re-gather about that issue. In addition to the jury discussion we're planning to have. One day meeting, not a retreat.

Ended meeting early at 6:20.

**Meeting evaluation:** Many thumbs up. Nothing pressing requires us to meet in June. We typically don't meet in June, and we don't meet in July.

**Next meeting:** 8/13/2025 5:30-7:30 Zoom

**Old business for August agenda:**

- Guideline change for next year that changes to 20 spaces instead of 10 full sized booths
- Guideline change re: timeline for applying for permanent booths
- Providing jury scores to crafters